



# News Release

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## **Centralia Rodeway Inn motel license suspended – unsafe, unhealthy for guests**

*Action means motel must be vacated; facility can't reopen until hearing is held*

**OLYMPIA** — Unsafe conditions have led the state Department of Health to immediately suspend the license of the Rodeway Inn in Centralia. The motel at 702 W. Harrison Ave. poses an immediate threat to guests.

According to investigators, the motel, formerly known as the Econo Lodge, violated safety codes. The motel must be vacated by midnight Monday, September 6; the state health department is working with city officials to help guests in need of housing. Rodeway Inn cannot reopen until a hearing is held.

The motel failed to repair a fence that surrounds the motel pool, allowing public access and possible public safety concerns. A week ago, a Lewis County Superior Court judge granted a temporary restraining order to force repairs to the fence. The repairs have not been done.

The motel owner has 10 days to request a prompt hearing and 28 days to contest the finding in the initial order.

Motels offering three or more units to guests for less than 30 days must be licensed by the state's Transient Accommodations Program. The program licenses about 1,700 motels, hotels, inns, resorts, and bed and breakfast facilities in the state. It enforces health and safety standards for those establishments.

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